

Notice of Motions

To consider the following motions, which have been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1:

a) Blackpool FC and Football Governance. Councillor Owen to propose.

This Council:

1. Noting the welcome return of Blackpool FC to the second division of English professional football and their holding their own during the past season and the value such success brings our town in publicity and economic benefit
2. Appreciating the considerable work which Blackpool Supporters Trust has contributed to the Independent Fan Led Review of Football Governance and including their giving oral evidence to the House of Commons Committee chaired by Tracey Crouch MP
3. Disappointed by the failure of the Premier League (PL) so far to agree with the English Football League (EFL) and the Football Association (FA) a fair and appropriate distribution of the revenues that the television companies pay the PL each year among the English Football Pyramid at all levels
4. Supporting the Statement given on 25 April by Nigel Huddleston MP in the House as to the Government's position on the outcome of that Review, to accept in full its Ten Strategic Recommendations, to publish a White Paper but remaining uneasy that the Government has not dealt as positively in its response to the other 37 key Recommendations

Resolves:

To request the Chief Executive Officer to write to

- A. Simon Sadler as Chairman of Blackpool FC and his colleagues with the Council's congratulations for their success and to reinforce the Council's continuing support for the partnership between the Club and the Council
- B. Nigel Huddleston MP in the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to tell him of this Council's hope that the White Paper can be published sooner than "this summer" - generally thought to be June, July and August as mentioned in the Statement (which could also mean its being delayed into the autumn, that is up to November) as precursor for the expected Bill which this Council would like to see enacted by spring 2023 and embrace all of the recommendations in the Report, especially those in Chapter 9, rather than Mr Huddleston's timescale of "*before the next election*" which could mean 2024

- C. the PL and the EFL and the FA urging them collectively to take notice of Recommendation 38 of the Review and reach an agreement on how the television income received by the PL is to be far more equitably distributed within football than it is currently - rather than risk a clause in the promised Bill which will empower the intended Regulator to impose such a regime on them
- D. the two Blackpool MPs and encourage them to use their best endeavours in parliament to have the White Paper and the bill brought forward and enacted within the next twelve months.

b) Non-Executive Directors of council-owned companies. Councillor M Mitchell to propose.

The Council calls upon the Chief Executive to dedicate an area of the Council website with details of all council-owned companies, their non-executive directors, Chairs and remuneration, all Councillors to be informed when Councillors are appointed and when Councillor appointments cease.